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REPORT —TO OUR READER-OWNERS

Editor Hits Trained Seals

Not long ago the New Orleans Item declared editorially that a group of State Senators were a bunch of "trained seals."

The Senators, citing some fool law they'd passed down there which says a paper's guilty of something or other if it bring disrespect down on the Legislature, promptly cited the owner of the paper and his chief editor, and razzed them at considerable length.

The Senatorial trained seals finally decided not to imprison or fine the publisher and editor, and thus a soverign State of the Union was kept from getting down on the level of Peron's Argentina or Stalin's Russia.

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A Question Worth Asking

Certainly most labor people who chanced to read of that episode sympathized with the publisher and editor, and felt that State Senators who would utilize such a law or drag the press before them in this way fully deserved the title of trained seals if not something worse.

Yet isn't it true that for one instance where labor people sympathize with publishers and editors in a controversy, there are many more in which they decidedly don't sympathize with the publishers and editors of the big dailies?

For example, does any of our readers remember one instance of a big daily in the Bay Area saying editorially that a strike, any strike, was justified?

It is possible that some daily in this area has published such an editorial, but it surely doesn't come to mind with startling rapidity.

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Never the Strike That's Now!

Granted for the sake of argument that there have been unjustified strikes, surely at some time or other in, let us say, the last ten years, there must have been ONE justified strike in the Bay Area.

Yet uniformly, if you read editorials about strikes in any daily of the Bay Area, you learn from the editorial that while the idea of unions is fine, and even that there have been occasions when a union was justified in taking economic action, certainly the action was unjustified in the current instance.

Some other time, some other union, some other strike—but never the one that's afoot now!

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Long Time Between Grins

Kind of odd, isn't it, when you stop to think it over?

The really basic question is, though: How long will labor people really respect the press, have any faith that it is in any socially valuable sense free, if it's always one-sided on so important a public issue?

Meanwhile, we offer a prize consisting of one big surprised grin to the first reader giving us an example of a Bay Area daily actually stating editorially that some strike, any strike, was justified.

Gosh, it's going to be a long time between grins if we wait for that excuse for grinning!

John Davy Elected Temple Secretary

John Davy, member of Steamfitters Union 342 was elected secretary of the Labor Temple Association to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ray Hipkins, Secretary since 1944. Hipkins resignation becomes effective July 1.

The election was held at a special called meeting of the Directors of the Labor Temple Association on Monday, June 26. John Davy, Bert Wenk of the Floorlayers Union and J. S. Miller Painters 127 contested for the post with Davy elected by a majority of the votes cast.

Millmen's Union 550 Elects Officers

The newly elected officers of Millmen's Local 550 are as follows:

Al G. Cooling, President; H. Kaupulla, Vice President; John Toedt, Recording Secretary; A. Ramos, Financial Secretary; E. H. Ovenberg, Treasurer.

W. C. O'Leary, Business Agent; Sol. Abono, conductor; H. Mitscher, Warden; C. H. Irish, Trustee 3 year term; M. D. Cicinato, 2 year term; H. Michelsen, 1 year term.

Delegates to District Council E. H. Ovenberg, W. C. O'Leary, John Toedt, Al. G. Cooling, C. Leidich, A. Ramos, C. H. Irish, H. Michelsen, S. Balestra.

Alternates, M. D. Cicinato, H. Kauppila.

CAFE WORKERS' PAY

MANCHESTER, N. H. (LPA)—A nine-member minimum wage board to study wages paid restaurant workers in New Hampshire has been named by State Labor Commissioner William H. Riley.

Important Notice To Lathers Local 88!

The next meeting will be on the 10th of July instead of the 3rd.

The members who have not filled out cards for the group insurance plan, please contact the secretary so that we may complete our card files.

Fraternally yours,
EARL DAVIDSON

BTC Endorses Pres. Truman's Fast Action in Korea Crisis

The Building Trades Council in regular meeting on last Tuesday took cognizance of the rapid turns in the present Korean crisis and by unanimous action voted that the Council send a telegram to our Chief Executive, Harry Truman, commending him for his prompt action in support of South Korea and the war against Communist aggression. The commendation stated further that the Alameda County Building Trades Council and all of its affiliates were all out in support of the President's actions in the current crisis.

NLRB CHARGES WITHDRAWN

Charges against the Building Trades Council and the Venetian Blind Workers 2565 in a dispute with the Western Interior Venetian Blind Co. were withdrawn without prejudice by the 20th Regional NLRB.

SIGNED AGREEMENT

Barger and Barger, general contractors, signed a BTC agreement and are now operating 100 percent union, according to the Business Representative. This firm has long been a thorn in the side of the Council and its signing of the BTC agreement ended a dispute of long standing.

A donation of $15 was made to the Father Flanagan's Boys Town in Nebraska.

DISPUTES

A picket placed at 1110 University avenue for one day proved effective and the dispute was settled.

Iron Workers had a dispute over erection of an iron fence at DeFremery Park and the matter was taken up with City Manager Hassler. The matter did not come under the City Manager's department, but the Park Department, headed by Robert Crawford, and another meeting will be held in an effort to clear up this dispute.

Piledrivers' Union had a dispute at Moore's west yard over claim of jurisdiction and upon investigation, the Gilmore Company adjudicated the matter to the satisfaction of the involved union.

CITY PAY

A full committee of business representatives having members working for the City of Oakland met with City Manager Hassler Tuesday on comparable rates of pay for building craftsmen. The meeting was held on a friendly and amicable basis and further meetings will be held with the City Manager to assure that Building Tradesmen working for the city will receive the same pay as that paid by private industry.

STATE LLPE

Business Representative Reynolds reported attending the Executive Board meeting of the State Federation where the new constitution of the state LLPE was discussed. President Frank Lawrence of the State BTC was also in attendance and several amendments to the constitution were introduced that must be ratified by LLPE unions and members in convention.

REBER PLAN, TWIN BRIDGE AND SOUTHERN CROSSING

State Building Trades President Frank Lawrence notified the Council that it appears that the Southern Crossing and the Twin Bay Bridge have stalemated each other and the Reber plan is again being given consideration. Mr. Reber, father of the plan, will be in San Francisco on July 14, at 10:00 a.m., at the Engineers' Building, 474 Valencia street, and all business agents and interested parties were

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Milkers' Union 304 Gets Strike Okay From Council

Milkers Union, Local 304 was granted strike sanction against 7 milk producers at Monday's Central Labor Council meeting. Representatives of the companies involved appeared before the Executive Board the Friday previous and two producers, Tony Avila and Norvil Knudsen informed the board that they believed they could get together with the union and straighten out the difficulties.

Seven companies represented by Mr. McLain who is the secretary business manager of the Marin Dairymen's Protective Association were adamant in their stand against the union and strike sanction against the seven companies was granted by the Council.

The seven producers represented by Mr. McLain are as follows: Manuel Furtado, Frank Allegra, Jr., Alves and Son, John G. Vierra, Manuel Cotta, Ailm Brothers and the El Solyo Ranch.

As the Labor Journal was going to press, Business Representative George Hunt of Milk Drivers Union 302 reported that a meeting had been arranged for Thursday, June 29, between the seven producers and the Milkers Union, Local 304.

The meeting will be held in the Milk Dealers Association headquarters and those that will be in attendance in an attempt to arrange a settlement of the dispute will be the above listed producers, Representative Silva of the Milkers, George Hunt of Local 302, and James Conahan and Lawrence Maes of the Alameda County Milk Dealers Association.

It was pointed out by Representative Hunt that Mr. McLain will not be in attendance.

CLC and BTC Meetings Adjourned For Holiday

The regular weekly meetings of the Central Labor Council and Building Trades Council scheduled for next Monday and Tuesday nights, July 3 and 4, have been adjourned due to the Independence Day holiday.

Both councils will again meet in regular sessions on Monday, July 10, and Tuesday, July 11, the Labor Council convening on Monday and the Building Trades on Tuesday respectively.

Delegates to both Councils are urged to note the adjournment of next week's meeting.

Culinary Workers Bartenders 823 Reject Offer 7-1

Assistant Secretary William Fee reported to the Central Labor Council last Monday night that the Culinary Workers and Bartenders, Local 823 of Hayward had by a vote of 7 to 1 rejected the offer made by the United Employers negotiating for the Hayward area establishments a wage increase of $1.25 per day for Bartenders and 50 cents per day for Culinary Workers.

The vote was taken at a special called meeting of the local Monday with a total of 379 votes cast. 328 votes were cast NOT to accept the offer reported Fee with 48 in favor of acceptance 2 void and one blank. The offer was submitted to the union on the insistance of the United Employers who requested that the membership of the union be allowed to vote on the proposed pay rise.

Fee reported that the union had taken every necessary step to comply with the request and the nearly 7 to 1 margin against the offer was the answer of the membership.

Secretary Wood reported to the Council that W. J. Dykehouse representing the United Employers had contacted his office as to the vote result and on being informed stated that he would meet with his restaurant group that night (Monday) and would announce the employers verdict Tuesday morning.

C. T. McDonough International Representative of the Culinary Workers has been handling the negotiations for the local union.

Employers Meet Union Demands

The United Employers through W. J. Dykehouse who had been doing the negotiating for the Hayward establishments notified Assistant Secretary Fee Tuesday morning that the original demands of the union calling for a $1.50 per day increase for Bartenders and 75 cents per day for the Culinary group was accepted by the employers.

Kessel, Rutledge Re-Elected By Painters No. 127

All incumbent officers of Painters Union 127 were reelected in the annual election held last week. Only one contest was on the ballot and Business Agent Tiny Breakfield was reelected by a four to one majority over his opponent. All other officers were elected by acclamation.

President Larry Kessel was reelected for his fourth term while Business Representative Hugh Rutledge was reelected for his 16th straight term without opposition.

Council Adjourns Out of Respect to Dr. Max Radin

Upon motion made by Delegate Gatze the Central Labor Council adjourned its Monday nights meeting out of respect to the memory of Professor Max Radin, who passed away Thursday, June 22.

Dr. Radin, a retired University of California law professor, widely known authority on legal history and Roman law was eulogized by Delegate Gatze as one of the great liberals of our time.

TEAMOS' 10½ CENTS

ST. LOUIS (LPA)—Local 618 of the Teamsters has just won a 10½-cent increase from the J. D. Street Oil Co., with another 5 cents in 12 months; improved welfare benefits and vacations.

NOTICE!

Sheet Metal Workers, Local 216

The $1.00 assessment that was levied at a special meeting held February 15, 1950 for the purpose of retaining attorneys Smith and Parrish during the period of July 1, 1950 through June 30, 1951, to handle controversial compensation cases involving members of Local 216 is now due and payable.

If any of the members have a problem of this kind, please call the Sheet Metal Workers Union.

Kindly take care of the payment of this assessment during the month of July, 1950.

Fraternally,
LLOYD CHILD,
Financial Secretary

Sheet Metal 216 Wins Pay Rise; Welfare Insurance

Sheet Metal Workers Local 216, at a special called meeting on Wednesday, June 21, voted by near unanimous action to accept a one-year contract calling for a pay rise of 6½ cents per hour effective July 1, 1950.

In addition to the pay rise a 6¼ cents per hour paid by the employers will be established for a welfare fund effective October 1, 1950. The welfare fund will provide hospitalization and welfare insurance for members of No. 216 as well as their dependents.

Other features of the new contract provide that the term of apprenticeship will be five years instead of the current 4-year term, with presently employed apprentices of less than six months effected by the new agreement. The welfare plan will cover some 700 members and their dependents while over 800 members will receive the 6¼-cent an hour wage boost. All apprentices will be covered by the new welfare plan.

One of the novel features worked out by Local 216 and their sister local of San Francisco, Local 104 who also received the identical pay rise as well as the insurance features will be that the welfare plan will cover both unions under joint trusteeship of employers and employes.

The Furnace Dealers and Sheet Metal Contractors of Northern California, Inc., represented the employers group while Percy Hand, President, Joe Pruss, Business agent, and Lloyd Childs, financial secretary and business representative, were the negotiating committee for Local 216.

Clerks and Lumber Handlers Re-Elect Paterson, Souza

With the largest vote ever recorded in the history of Clerks and Lumber Handlers Union, Local 939, all incumbent office holders were returned to office in the annual election held Friday, June 23.

The complete vote is as follows, with incumbents so noted in the tabulation:

President — Frank Hulbert (Incumbent), 246; Andrew Koppel, 43.

Vice President — Geo. Halcomb (Incumbent), 165; Joe Botelho, 108.

Recording Secretary — Harold Kessel, elected by acclamation.

Financial Secretary-Treasurer — Joseph Souza (Incumbent), 253; Joseph R. Strelecky, 31.

Business Representative—William W. Paterson (Incumbent), 243; William O'Connor, 42.

Sergeant-at-Arms—M. W. Freitas (Incumbent), 220; William Orr, 48.

Trustee (3-year Term)—J. W. Hulbert (Incumbent), 212; John Aiello, 64.

Members of the Executive Board from the Rank and File (Top three elected)—William W. Paterson (Incumbent), 249; Harold Greer (Incumbent), 188; A. R. Estes, 147; William O'Connor, 80; William H. Coleman, 65.

Delegates to Central Labor Council of Alameda County (Top three elected)—Joseph M. Souza, 262; William W. Paterson (Incumbent), 233; Geo. Halcomb (Incumbent), 155; Joseph R. Strelecky, 99.

Delegates to the Building Trades Council of Alameda County (Top three elected)—William W. Paterson (Incumbent), 235; F. W. Inberg, 170; Joseph R. Strelecky, 163; William O'Connor, 101.

Delegates to Northern California District Council of Laborers (Top three elected)—William W. Paterson (Incumbent), 244; A. R. Estes (Incumbent), 194; F. W. Inberg (Incumbent), 190; William O'Connor 91.

Ninety percent of the membership voted.

School Employes Receive Increase

Delegate Fred Venturi of the Alameda County School Employes Union told the Central Labor Council Monday night that the Union had accepted a 4 percent wage increase.

Announcement was also made that Dave Sharman had been elected as the Business Agent of the School Employes Union.

Screaming skyrockets and roaring speedboats over and on Lake Merritt will feature Oakland's Fourth of July celebration this year. The day-long program also includes sailboat races, folk dancing, military displays and a unique mass flag presentation ceremony, according to Lloyd E. Hughes, chairman of Mayor Clifford E. Rishell's Fourth committee.

Labor Journal Copy Must be Sent in Early!

Anything you want to get in next issue of East Bay Labor Journal must get in by Monday, July 3, as this is a short week due to the July 4 holiday.

Please bear this in mind and get your copy in!

SAFEWAY: HAVE THOSE 40 ADS AGAINST UNIONISM COST A MERE $250,000?

(Editorial)

The outfit which writes those blustering whining ads for Safeway sent over the other day to get some extra copies of East Bay Labor Journal. We were glad to oblige, as one of our great missions in life at present is to educate Safeway. Moreover, we were glad to get additional confirmation of what we have for some time realized—that some of the hairpin turns in the line followed by the Safeway ads are activated by our criticism.

For example, quite a while ago—May 19, to be exact—we ran an open letter on page one to Mr. J. H. Branlund, who for some time had been cavorting about in the Safeway ads with all sorts of thises and thats. Mr. Branlund, addressed with a due degree of affection as "good ol' Bran," was asked flatly if he liked the way the Safeway ads he was compelled to sign after they were written made him out either a fool or a hypocrite.

Well, sir, evidently good ol' Bran never was able to figure out which pet name was right, fool, or hypocrite, because for over a month he went into collapse, so far as public appearance in those ads was concerned. (Maybe it'll be more than a month, by the time this editorial appears, or maybe by that time he'll have made his choice between the two pet names, and feel braced up enough to sign some more 'letters' in ads written by Safeway's P. T. Barnum Service—you know the service's motto: "Another sucker is born every minute; never give the sucker an even break.")

Then another time we straightened out Safeway's P. T. Barnum Ad Service on style was when we got 'em to quit running big drawings of cat's paws, Jim Galliano's thumb, and Jim Suffridge dressed up with three heads like Cerberus the triple-craniumed monster which guarded the gates of Hell in Roman mythology. We felt those ads were in bad taste, and realizing that it is the duty of a labor paper to civilize the great corporations and keep them barricaded within the esthetic tradition of Western civilization, even though they're not civilized themselves, we just kept up our art criticism until they stopped that stuff, too.

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A committee of the House in Washington is now going into this subject of money spent on advertising by big corporations to influence the public mind on economic and political issues. Chairman Buchanan of that committee thinks corporations should be required to list with the Government such advertising expense as lobbying funds. That's certainly a sound idea. Safeway ought to run an ad telling how much money has been spent on the 40 or more big ads it has run in the Bay Area daily press attacking unionism since Safeway's union-busting campaign began.

Our information is that one such ad cost them $7000 to insert in the daily papers, apart from what money they spent on their P. T. Barnum Service for somnambulating it and hypocritizing it. Forty times $7000 would be $280,000, but we'll give 'em the benefit of the doubt and set the figure at $250,000, a mere quarter of a million bucks. Well, that's the kind of money these big corporations spend when they're attacking unions. And why shouldn't they have to list it as lobbying expense?

Maybe other corporations chipped in to help Safeway finance that $250,000 worth of prevaricating publicity. For the principle involved is so important—that every person who handles the tools of the trade shall belong to the union of the trade—that other big corporations are eager to have Safeway break down that principle.

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Superior Judge Hoyt has of course, too, undoubtedly noticed that every time one of his decisions in the Safeway case is to be made, the Safeway P. T. Barnum Service steps up the tempo and volume of advertising. The Clerks Union attorneys have called attention to this in court, and pointed out that if contempt is the word, why not apply it to this activity of Safeway's?

And they're right. In fact, one of the best of the printable words in the language to be used in discussing decent people's feelings toward Safeway is that one good round word: CONTEMPT.

Vernon Pankey Reports on Presidents Safety Conference

Vernon Pankey, President of the California State Council of Cannery Unions has just returned from Washington where he attended the Presidents Conference on Industrial Safety held in that city June 5, 1950. President Pankey attended the Conference at the invitation of the President and the following report of the meeting is reprinted from the Cannery Reporter.

The President's Conference on Industrial Safety, one of the most important national campaign efforts, as far as labor is concerned, was held at Washington, D. C. on June 5, 1950.

The Conference signalled a new attack to reduce job accidents by 50 percent by 1952 and was held after a two-year program, established at a previous Conference. The various states of the Union, concerned with the national safety program, conducted conferences and campaigns of their own under the direction of the state Governors

California was one of the states to immediately inaugurate a safety program at the call of Governor Warren and Panky, representing one of the elements of California labor, has been an active committee member and an active participant in the vigorous and progressive campaign instituted in this state.

Prior to attending the President's Conference, Panky attended the Safety Conference held here recently under the call of Governor Warren.

Panky reported that all 48 states, Puerto Rico and Hawaii were represented by delegates and that the meeting proceeded to evaluate progress in industrial safety during the past year and planned for redoubled efforts to reduce industrial accidents in the coming year.

Pankey reported that the evaluation of progress during the past year showed, very impressively, especially in the states where safety campaigns have been in progress, that the index accident rate has been reduced considerably since the President called the first National Safety Council.

"The progress made during the past year," Pankey said, is "certainly indicative of what can be accomplished through an organized educational drive to reduce job accidents in industry. My experience at Washington assures me that the President's second Conference will generate even greater activity throughout the country during the coming year."

MAJOR STAKE

"It was clearly evident at the Conference," he said, "that organized labor has the major stake in this program for industrial safety." He said that President Green had notified the Conference that he would urge the AFL affiliated state and local unions to participate in governors' conferences wherever they are held throughout the nation.

It may be noted that California was the first state to comply with the Presidential request to join the safety drive and, under the Conference called by Governor Warren, has materially moved forward in the business of job accident reduction.

Panky reported that, although splendid progress has been made during the past year, the job accident rate is still by far too high. He quoted figures showing that the 1949 record shows 15,000 workers killed on the job and 79,000 permanently disabled. There were, he said, as the records show, 1,870,000 total injuries during the year.

"There is still much work to be done." Pankey said, "and labor's share in the job is a big one."

Emphasizing that California workers last year suffered 128,520 disabling injuries, including 656 deaths, Governor Warren, at his State Conference pointed out that we realize today that death and injury to workers make an impact on every phase of our life. "Safety today is a common denominator which brings all facets of our American life together in one great cooperative effort."

AFL Attorneys Blast Chain Case in Court As Defective

Arguments in the contempt of court case against eight AFL leaders brought by Safeway Stores in Superior Judge Ralph E. Hoyt's court speeded up this week as attorneys for the eight defendants spent the forepart of the week in blasting at Safeway's case as fatally uncertain, ambiguous and indefinite. The case, now in its third week opened up with attorneys for the defendants arguing that the case should be dismissed with the plaintiffs attorney spending the second week responding to the arguments.

INJUNCTION HIT

Attorneys for the defendants the the past week have been blasting at the injunction handed down by Judge Hoyt in the original case claiming that some of the citees were not party to the original complaint.

It was further contended as point one by the defense staff that the case comes under the exclusive jurisdiction of the NLRB.

Pont two made was that the case made by the giant chain is fatally uncertain, ambiguous and indefinite.

Point three argued was that the individual non parties had no knowledge or notice of the injunction and the complaint is defective on numerous grounds. Attorney Galliano in summing up the defendants case pointed out that everything that has been alleged by Safeway is lawful.

CASE RECESSED WEDNESDAY

The case was recessed for Wednesday but reconvened for Thursday and Friday and will recess then until after the holiday when Judge Hoyt is expected to rule on the arguments made by defense attorneys on July 5 when the case will again reconvene.

RULINGS ON MOTIONS

All the motions made by the defense attorneys that Judge Hoyt will rule upon, it was pointed out by a union spokesman are preliminary motions, and if ruled upon favorably by the Court the contempt case against the defendants will be dropped.

However if the preliminary motions are ruled upon unfavorably this will not end the case as all the defendants will have further pleadings and opportunity to answer the allegations made in the complaint.

AFL Attorney Alexander Shulman spent one whole day in rebuttal to Safeway's arguments and he was followed by Attorney Scully with Attorney Galliano summing up the defendants case Tuesday afternoon.

EIGHT DEFENDANTS

The defendants are Charles A. Omstead, secretary-treasurer, Food Clerks 870; Esther Luther, secretary-treasurer, Retail Clerks 1179; James F. Galliano, attorney for the two unions just mentioned and for the Central Labor Council; Joe W. Chaudet, business manager of East Bay Labor Journal and spokesman

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Cemetery Workers, Employers Break Off Negotiations

Jenkins Mathews delegate to the Central Labor Council from the Cemetery Workers and Greens Attendants Local 322 reported to the Council that negotiations between the union and the employers have been broken off with no further meetings contemplated.

The union, according to Mathews started negotiating their new contract in January of this year and had granted a three months extension of their present contract which will expire on July 1st.

NO WAGE INCREASE

No wage increase was offered the union over that period of time and the employers insisted on removing the "wet weather clause" that has been in the Union contract since 1944.

The union was asking for a welfare plan in addition to the pay raise and retention of the "wet weather clause" and no progress was made in the contract discussion along this line. The employers agreed to appoint a committee to "discuss" welfare plans with no commitment as to incorporation of a plan in the new contract.

UNION OFFERS ARBITRATION

The union had offered arbitration of the dispute but it was rejected by management.

The Cemetery Workers cover both sides of the bay with about 350 people involved. Strike sanction was granted by the Central Labor Council on March 21 and the matter is before the San Francisco Labor Council at present for their action.

George Johns, Secretary of the S. F. Labor Council issued the following announcement:

"After extended negotiations affecting the cemeteries of both San Francisco and Alameda counties, we regret to report that negotiations have been broken off. Negotiations were being conducted under a 90-day truce which will expire July 1.

"No further negotiations are contemplated and the employers have refused the offer of the San Francisco Labor Council to submit the issues to arbitration."

United Employers, Inc., has represented management in the negotiations with Henry Hoevenberg of their staff representing both sectarian and private burial grounds in the bargaining.

Nothing Personal

Notes from here and there . . . Our Labor Temple Gals Bowling Team continues to lead their league by the scant margin of two games after winning two out of three from the Don Budge Five last Monday night . . . We understand that those Painter guys have been around again issuing challenges to the Gals claiming that they have been meeting too many set-ups and need some real competition to get them in shape for the run down the home stretch.

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The latest challenge was issued by Oakland's Mayor Cliff Rishell who dropped in to cheer the gals on last Monday night and while cheering them on he was doing a little challenging on the side . . . We hear tell that Cliff not only issued challenge on behalf of Painters 127 but also suggested that a dinner be bet on the outcome . . . The gals have accepted the challenge but what's this we hear Cliff about you telling the gals that you would "miss a few" in a critical moment if the gals would pay for your dinner so that you could stick Hughie Rutledge for the other nine dinners???

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And while we are speaking of those Painters we understand that Hughie Rutledge, Harry Shephard, Blackie Miller, all of them past presidents of 127 and Tiny Breakfield accompanied by their better halves are taking off for Oregon next week to do a lot of fishing in the Rogue River . . . It's the annual vacation period for the Painters and the four fishing fools of 127 are going to spend the whole week beating the bushes up in Oregon . . . and is that the way fishermen phrase it.

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Just a week or so ago, we were told that Leonard Dieden one of our fair cities more eminent barristers played host at a local country club to one of our labor boys who thought he knew a little about the game of golf . . . According to Len his guest was behind every tree and bush on the golf course and at one time they had to organize a searching party to find him he was so far in the rough . . . Anyway Dieden proceeded to beat the dickens out of his guest and while the guest claimed inactivity was the cause, Leonard says that he is nothing but a hacker and his performance on that day is his usual game.

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And while we think about it we want to extend congratulations to Leonard for the very fine job he did in Alameda County for labors endorsed candidate for the U. S. Senate, Helen Douglas . . . Len was Alameda County Campaign chairman and while it isn't generally known, Helen Douglas had the greatest majority of victory right here in Alameda County to which we extend a good job done to you Len . . . and we hope we can improve on it come November.

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We noticed too that our good friend Pat Brown rolled up an impressive vote here in our County and with everyones assistance and cooperation we can double it in November . . . One thing that we have noticed the past few weeks and that is a sort of relapse as it were on the political front . . . we haven't had any publicity on any of the candidates and while we were deluged during the campaign we feel that our own people should see to it that during this relapsed period that their members are getting educated as to just what a tough fight we are going to have in November if we are going to elect Roosevelt, Brown, Douglas, Lyle Cook and Clara Shirpser . . . We trust that those publicists for the different candidates . . . will start uncovering their typewriters muy pronto and get out publicity to not only all of the labor press but to the individual unions and members as well.

Molders 164 Get 'No' From Employers

Delegates were told Monday night by a representative of the Molders Union that five meetings have been held with their employers and to date the only answer has been no and more noes.

The union had requested a 25 cent an hour increase, the 7 hour day and two extra holidays and to date the employers only offer had been an increase of 3 cents per hour.

Scrap Iron Workers Organize Lauber Co.

Report was made to the Central Labor Council that the Carl Lauber Company of 385 - 6th Street Oakland has been organized by the Scrap Iron Workers Union. The plant employs from 4 to 6 men and the union contract will be signed with the employes becoming members of the union.

NOTICE!

Paint Makers! Local 1101!

Next meeting of Local 1101's Executive Board to be held on Wednesday, July 5, instead of the usual first Tuesday which falls on July 4.

Fraternally,
JACK KOPKE

INSIDE NEWS of A. F. of L. LABOR UNIONS and AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

SHIPYARD LABORERS 886

HARRY MILLER SAYS:

At its Friday night, June 23 meeting in San Francisco Local 886 voted unanimously to accept the new Pacific Coast Shipyard Master Agreement bringing with it an increase of six cents per hour. This increases the basic day rate for laborers to $1.51 per hour as contrasted to 98 cents in the Gulf and $1.19 on the Eastern seaboard. Other metal trades unions could well follow the example set by the Laborers in approval of this agreement.

In Washington during the week the action of the Interim Maritime Committee in recommending a due pass on the Allen Bill, H. R. 8470 reached the desk of Secretary of Commerce Sawyer from which it was to be sent to the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee Chairman Edward J. Hart of New Jersey for action by his Committee. An attempt is being made to arrange a hearing on the matter before the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee on Wednesday June 28 or Thursday June 29 in order to get this part, at least, out of the way before the July 4 exodus from Washington. Accordingly a representative flew to Washington on Monday June 26 and with luck plans to be back in the Bay Area the latter part of the week with the work of presenting the case to the Committee done.

Ray Brennan, Secretary of the Pacific Coast Committee for Shipbuilding for National Defense phoned Washington on Thursday of last week and the information given in this column is the authentic picture on the Mariposa situation. If anyone wants to know when he might be able to go to work on this boat, he might well ask the hundreds of Congressmen and the ninety eight Senators. It is in their hands not mine, unfortunately, although some of us are doing all we can to speed it up.

OFFICE NOTES, LOCAL 29

At our regular union meeting, an amendment to our By-Laws regarding Shop Stewards was passed. It allows the Union membership to determine the amount of money to be paid to shop stewards upon submission of a monthly report. The fixed compensation for stewards is as follows: Stewards representing 20 or more members will receive every month an amount equivalent to the dues; stewards representing from 10 to 19 members, dues will be paid every **other** month; stewards representing less than ten members, dues will be paid **every third** month. This is an attempt to pay stewards somewhat in proportion to the amount of work performed.

The Milk Agreement will be signed this week with copies available for each member by July 5th. Most of the companies have put the wage increase into effect already.

This office wishes everyone an enjoyable Fourth of July.

MARILYN ANGLIN,
Secretary-Treasurer
JOHN B. KINNICK,
Business Representative

'WATCH IT' WITH WATCHMAKERS

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Some of you may be wondering what happened to the Oakland Watch Crystal Co. If you will remember, we reported that they had made a complaint against us with the National Labor Relations Board under the Taft-Hartley amendments. The Regional Office of the NLRB, after carefully investigating the case, refused to issue a complaint in this matter. They based it upon the opinion that the operations of the company are primarily local in character and did not effect commerce within the meaning of the act.

We received this information on May 29 and on June 13, Mr. Theodore Willoughby of the Oakland Watch Crystal Co., requested a review by the General Council of the NLRB. More time will now be consumed before a definite answer can be obtained in the matter.

We have ten apprentices ready for the San Francisco Apprenticeship Graduation this year. All but one will receive their journeyman's certificates at the graduation which will be held either in September or October of this year. One of the boys will not receive his journeyman's certificate because of the lack of school hours on his record. The Apprenticeship Committee is working with the City-wide Apprenticeship Committee in preparation of the mass graduation. The Committee will have the certificates suitably hand inscribed.

The Committee has also recommended that the one boy who will not receive his journeyman's certificate will have to attend the apprenticeship classes until sufficient school hours have been accumulated; necessary under the apprenticeship standards. If the apprentice fails to carry out this obligation, the Apprenticeship Committee will recommend that he be removed from the job and have another apprentice replace him. The Commitee and the Union have quite frequently warned the apprentices regarding their school attendance. The action of the Committee in this individual case should be enough warning for the remaining apprentices that they should keep up their school attendance.

I am glad to report that it will not be necessary to follow out the plans as explained at the union meeting with regard to the watchmaker in Sanford's Jewelry Store in San Mateo. Hodges, the watchmaker, is being placed on an employe basis and being paid at the rate of $2.25 an hour and an agreement will be signed by the Sanford Jewelry Store.

I spent one afternoon checking through Chinatown in San Francisco for a cheap watch repair sign but was unable to locate it.

Part of this column should have appeared last week. Sorry if you missed it, but the item did not reach the editor's desk in time for the printer's deadline.

We adjusted the watchmaker's hours at Flecks Jewelry Store on Market street in San Francisco to conform with the union agreement.

STROKES FROM THE BRUSH OF LOCAL 127

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

The following brothers on the sick list at the present time: Milton Boscacci, L. W. Bonney, Hugh Calloway, Walter Davisson, Frank Dewar, Harvey DeWold, O. L. Ferguson, Loren Gaulter, Charles Hoffman, Harry Hansen, A. Johansen, Virgil Johnson, LeRoy Johnson, Fred Kaler, J. C. McAdams, Thomas Massie, C. R. Mansir, P. B. Murphy, B. H. O'Dell, Edward Pettit, George Reid, William Sannebeck, William Self, Gust Strom, Ray Shearer, Lincoln Smart, Harry Thomas, Nick Thompson, Thomas Valpey, and Fred Wozney.

We regret to report the death of Brother J. E. McPherson who passed away last Saturday after a lengthy illness. Brother McPherson was buried from Grant Miller's parlors on East 14th street, with cremation at Mountain View cemetery. The officers and members of the local extend their deep sympathies to the family of our departed brother.

The election of officers last Thursday (June 22) returned all officers and delegates to their positions for the coming year. The one and only contest on the ballot was that of business representative. Brother (Tiny) Breakfield was returned to office by a substantial majority. Your scribe offers his congratulations to all brothers re-elected.

Also at the meeting the local passed the recommendations of the executive board in regards to additional life insurance coverage for the members. Our present policy of $1,000.00 on the members was increased to $2,000.00. We also now have an additional coverage of $500.00 insurance on the member's wife. In addition dependent children are insured for the following amounts: 3 years and under 18, $500.00; 2 years and under 3, $400.00; 6 months and under 2 years, $200.00; aged 14 days and under 6 months, $100.00.

The amount of insurance on the dependent children is regulated by law. This new insurance increases the death assessment from our present $1.00 per month to a total of $2.30 per month. While this amount may seem a little high to the members it must be remembered that the benefits provided are a great deal greater than before. The program of having health and hospital and doctors services covered for the members' wives and dependents would have cost an additional $6.00 per month which the executive board felt would have been prohibitive for one local to cover. However, the local recommended that we request the employer to add an additional 2 percent to his present 2 percent contribution to provide full family coverage. This is now being taken up and will eventually be placed in effect we feel certain. Dues for the coming third quarter will be $16.95 for those who attend meetings and $18.45 for those who do not attend. The difference in the amount is on account of the 50c per month non-attendance assessment.

Tickets for our annual picnic will be available within the next few days. Don't forget the date and place. Sunday July 16th, at Happy Hollow park in Contra Costa County. A map is being printed on the reverse side of the ticket as follows. Drive out Broadway to the low level tunnel on through to Lafayette, on to Walnut Creek and then to Concord. This is the main Highway north out of Oakland. At Concord look for the Marsh Creek Road to Clayton which turns off to the right and goes around the base of Mount Diablo. One mile past Clayton you will find a sign directing you to Happy Hollow Park. We will furnish coffee, soft drinks, ice cream etc., and also refreshments for the grown ups. A fine program of races, games etc., dancing and all that goes for a good time. Swimming pool available. Don't forget the date Sunday July 16th at Happy Hollow Park in Contra Costa County. You may secure all the tickets you need for self and friends at the office. As we do not want total strangers to us all at the picnic we are issuing tickets at no charge so every party or group entering the grounds must have a ticket. More information at any time by calling the office.

Your scribe wishes each and every brother a happy holiday week end and drive carefully.

DRESSING ROOM CHATTER

Local theatrical circles were rocked to the foundation when the announcement was made that the Blumenfeld Enterprises had leased the Roxie Theatre to Evangelist Bebe Patten. Coming at this time, when the Patten's are making the headlines almost daily, to say the least the transaction was a matter of poor taste. In fact it would be equivalent in the opinion of many, to putting a burlesque show in a duly recognized and respected church. What the eventual public reaction will be, if and when the Roxie should reopen as a respectable moving picture house again, remains to be seen. If the lease is for a period of from 3 months to one year as announced in the daily press, then it could appreciably hurt future business. If on the other hand, there is an option to buy and this temple of cinematic art is bought permanently it is a sad reflection on the motion picture industry in particular and the public in general.

It is not our policy to enter into matters of religion or politics, but the spectacle of the former flagship of the Blumenefld Circuit sinking into the mire of sensationalism, rather than religion leaves no choice but for comment.

Up and down the aisle . . . **Leroy Dixon** and **Helen Kalhagen**, sipping a coke at Lindy's . . . **Paul Warner**, formerly of the Chimes in the Reno hospital, due to an accident at Lake Tahoe . . . **Larry Shostak**, now working at the Campus Theatre . . . **Eve Hunsberger** in to be reinstated, after being dispatched to the Hayward . . . **Clifford Dutra**, formerly of the Del Mar and **Ken Carlson**, formerly of the Hayward in to withdraw . . . **Carl Coleman** back from San Jose to take over his old duties at the Tower . . . **Dave Barbeiro**, whom he replaced returning to his first love—the Telenews after a short fling in the bar business . . . Assistant Business Manager Vukman asking us to remind any members who have moved to please notify the business office of their present address . . . **Wesley Stone** of the Esquire door, picking up some spare change, snapping pictures like mad with his new camera . . . **Tony Souza**, leaving the Eastmont door to work on the railroad . . . The replacement is **Ed Barney** . . . **Marlene Ray**, formerly of the Fairfax, now a proud and pretty mother . . . **Financial Secretary Taylor** asks us to inform the following to contact him at the union business office: **Betty Rodriquez, Raymond Maginot, Barbara Lembeau, Ed Petty, Pat Walker, Al Carrai, Ralph Shaffer, Geraldine Bryant,** and **Jackie Garton** . . . Golden State Theatres are holding a vacation check for **Elouise Day** at their district offices . . . Regular union meetings will be held in July on the 2nd Wednesday (12th) and the 4th Saturday (22nd) at 10 a.m. and on the 3rd Thursday (20th) at 11:30 p.m. Note that the 3rd Thursday and the 4th Saturday fall within the same week . . . **Ronald Lightfoot** and **Ardy Filler** helping veteran Legitimate doormen **Dave Bessmer** and **Milton Haueter** at the Berkeley High School Community Theatre . . . Speaking of pictures being better than even (which they generally are not) we will go out on a limb and recommend "The Father of The Bride" now entering its 2nd week at the Paramount. They also have "Annie Get Your Gun" coming up . . . **Past President Lee Larrabee**, getting away from the hustle and the bustle of the city for a few days . . . The Redwood City Theatre ceiling cave-in not doing business a bit of good for miles around.

CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY No. 160

Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary 160 held their regular business meeting on June 28.

The main business of this meeting was the election of officers. As most of the officers had served their two years their chairs were open to new officers. The following were elected: President, Diana Holder; Vice President, Aline Haake; Financial Secretary-Treasurer, Betty Shumake; Conductress, Esther Dedman; Assistant Conductress, Joe Wheeler; Chaplain, Jean Kinney; Warden, Mae Bristow; Trustees, Theresa Michelson, three years; Agnes Anderson, two years; Recording Secretary was left open until next meeting. Press Correspondent left open till next meeting. Out going President Eleanor Clapp Past President. Pianist Ida Leroy.

Installation of officers will be on July 28. Time and place to be determined later. Diana is taking care of the arrangements and will probably know by social night.

On July 6 there will be a Bingo game at the home of Jean Kinney with Jean and Mary as co-hostesses. More about this on your bulletin cards. Try and be at this game. A good time is promised and nice prizes. 25c per person.

The next executive board meeting will be at Theresa Michelson's on July 12. Lunch at 12 o'clock—884 47th St., Phone HUmboldt 3-2190.

Next social meeting July 14 will be a pot luck at 6:30. Your husband is to ask, as his guest, a carpenter whose wife would be interested in joining the Auxiliary. Your husband or brother or son will know some one whose wife we would be glad to welcome as a member. Teli him to think this over.

Our card party at Alta's was a financial success as well as a success socially. Agnes as chairman thanked Alta for the use of her home.

The matter of sending a needy child to camp for two weeks was taken up met with the approval of the members. Flo Bartalini and Elizabeth Smith were appointed a committee to make the arrangements and to carry out the wishes of the members. This is a worthy cause and will give some child a needed vacation.

Our sick folks were present and thanked all for cards and calls.

Remember the dates posted and try and attend these meetings and the Bingo game. A good time is promised for all dates.

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San Francisco Labor Council

The annual Milk Fund Drive of the Saints and Sinners organization, which raises funds to provide milk for needy San Francisco public and parochial school children, received the endorsement of the San Francisco Labor Council.

Since January 1 of this year, the Saints and Sinners have bought, paid for, and delivered more than 250,000 bottles of milk for school children. The work is a continuing project, but the fund drive is an annual affair and will take place this year from August 3 through September 14.

Attorney J. W. Ehrlich, president of Saints and Sinners; Les Vogel, Jr., and Ken Tenny appeared before the Community Services Committee of the Labor Council to explain the milk project.

MACHINISTS' AUXILIARY No. 97

Our meeting was called to order June 20 by our presiding officer President Eva Gallaher. Memorial services and Draping of our Charter was held in memory of our Past President Sister Anna Hoover; President Eva Gallaher arranged beautiful flowers for the occasion.

Much business was efficiently handled and among the coming projects is a whist party to be held July 21st at 1 p.m. in the hall at 1442 Alice St., tickets 40c; many lovely prizes will be awarded. Sister Evelyn Gerholdt is in charge of the whist as the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. Sister Anna Nelson is vacationing at the present time. Sisters plan to attend this whist and bring your friends as Sister Gerholdt and her committee is stressing every effort to make this a success. Sister Lois McGraw has many interesting suggestions for our organization and also increasing our membership and with the cooperation of the Lodge we know she will do her utmost for the good of the order. Lovely refreshments were served and our next meeting will be held July 18th.

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Back Steel Plan

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFL News)—The executive board of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions declared itself in agreement with the principle involved in the Schuman Plan for pooling coal and steel resources of the Ruhr.

But the board demanded adequate representation on the part of the free trade unions in working out of details of any such program.

The ICFTU executive board has planned to open a New York office July 1.

It authorized a special committee to study strengthening the organization of salaried employes and professional workers.

Post Officer Ordering More Gompers Stamps

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—That AFL "Buy Gompers Stamps" campaign has resulted in the Post Office Department ordering an additional 10,000,000 more printed showing Samuel Gompers, founder and first president of the AFL.

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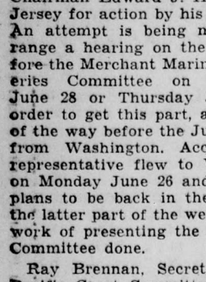
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Yardmasters' Board Call Emergency Findings 'Disgrace'

Railroad Yardmasters of America

M. G. Schoch, President of the Railroad Yardmasters of America, AFL, announced recently that the Executive Board of that organization after reviewing the recommendations and findings of Emergency Board No. 84 which held hearings here in Chicago last month on the Yardmasters' demands for a 5-day week, considered the Board's report as a "disgrace to emergency board procedure and completely contrary to the evidence."

RAILWAY ACT PROCEDURE

Mr. Schoch called attention to the requirements of Section 10 of the Railway Labor Act in respect to Emergency Board procedure, which reads as follows:

"Such Board shall be created separately in each instance and it shall investigate promptly the facts as to the dispute and make a report thereon to the President within thirty days from the date of its creation."

President Schoch pointed out further that the Board brushed aside the central issue in the Yardmasters' "dispute," which was the Yardmasters' contention that the previous (Leiserson) Board had erred in differentiating Yardmasters from other non-operating employes. At the recent hearing the Railroad Yardmasters of America had shown conclusively, Mr. Schoch says, that the Leiserson Board had erred and that the status of Yardmasters either as operating or non-operating employes was **not an issue before the Leiserson Board** and that **not one shred of evidence had been introduced upon which the Leiserson Board could base its findings.**

FINDINGS NOT BASED ON EVIDENCE

The Railroad Yardmasters of America state emphatically that, had the McDonough Board of last month based its findings on the ISSUES AND THE EVIDENCE in the Yardmasters' case, as was agreed by the representatives of both the Yardmasters and the railroads was to be done, the McDonough Board could have done nothing other than make a favorable recommendation for the Yardmasters—that is, that the 5 days week should be allowed them on exactly the same terms and conditions as it was allowed to the rest of the nearly one million non-operating employes.

The McDonough Board did not affirm the findings and recommendations of the Leiserson Board but, rather, EVADED THAT ISSUE, Mr. Schoch says. THE BOARD REFUSED TO "INVESTIGATE THE FACTS" AS TO THIS IMPORTANT PHASE OF THE "DISPUTE." Therein, the Yardmasters contend, the McDonough Board failed to fulfill its responsibilities and its obligations under the Railway Labor Act.

Mr. Schoch said that their organization represents a considerable majority of the approximately 6000 Yardmasters employed on the railroads of the country.

A Yardmaster is in charge of the operations in the railroad yards, both freight and passenger, and supervises all the employes working there. Mr. Schoch added that the duties and responsibilities of Yardmasters are recognized as being comparable to those of Train Dispatchers, the men who dispatch the trains and regulate their movements on the line of road, and the train Dispatchers, like some 900,000 non-operating employes, had their work week reduced to five days with the same take home pay, effective September 1, 1949.

COMPARABLE RATES OF PAY

Mr. Schoch points out further, that Yardmasters and Train Dispatchers have had comparable rates of pay and working conditions for many years, but that this Emergency Board's recommendations would do violence to this long standing relationship, and under those recommendations the Yardmaster would have to work for considerably less than the Train Dispatcher, instead of having practically the same rate of pay, as was the case prior to September 1, 1949.

The recommendations of the McDonough Board, which heard the Yardmasters' case last month, and made its report on the 15th of this month, are that the Yardmasters also be put on a five day week, but with a cut in pay—the Board's recommendations amount to just about 44 hours pay for 40 hours work—instead of 48 hours pay for 40 hours work as was allowed the Train Dispatchers and others of the nearly one million non-operating employes.

UNIONS' OFFICE WORKER

KENOSHA, Wis. (LPA) — The newly formed Local Industrial Union 1738 of the CIO will open negotiations here soon for contracts covering the office staffs of various unions in Kenosha, Racine and Milwaukee counties.

BTC Endorses Pres. Truman's Fast Action in Korea Crisis

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requested to be present to meet Mr. Reber and discuss the merits of the Reber Plan.

UNEMPLOYMENT ID CARDS

Discussion was entered into by Delegates John Davy, Joe Pruss, Hugh Rutledge and Paul Jones on the abolishing of the blue identification card used by the State Unemployment as reported at the Central Labor Council by State Federation Vice President Robert Ash on Monday night.

All speakers deplored the fact that there had been abuses of the present system and pointed out the advantages of the Blue ID card that is now in effect, that has tended to streamline payment of unemployment insurance to members of organized labor.

The history of how the Blue Card came into being was discussed and it was the unanimous opinion that the BTC should take steps to save the system as at present if at all possible.

Unions and officers that have abused the present system came in for a verbal blasting by the delegates and it was felt that those unions that have abused the system should be penalized and not the whole labor movement of the state for the acts of the few. The delegates also felt that blanket accusations against any unions or individuals should be backed up by substantial proof and a generalized blanket indictment should not be made that would tend to smear every union that has faithfully and religiously adhered to the law.

Upon motion made by Delegate Jones and unanimously passed, the BTC went on record asking Secretary Haggerty to use his good offices with the State Unemployment to see that the present system is saved.

4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY

Next Tuesday's meeting of the Council has been adjourned due to the 4th of July holiday. The next Council meeting will take place on July 11 and delegates are urged to take note of the adjournment of next week's meeting.

Carpenters of Bay Area Reject New Pay Contract

Rejection of a proposed new three year contract covering carpenters of four bay area counties was announced by Dave Ryan, Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters Secretary.

Nineteen unions and 14,000 Carpenters are covered by the District Council and a referendum vote on the proposed agreement was defeated, which will reopen negotiations between the unions and the employing groups.

The rejected agreement called for a 10 cent an hour increase effective July 15 with a further increase of 7½ cents over the next two years. The Carpenters originally sought a 27½ cent hourly wage hike.

NEW YORK (LPA)—The AFL-CIO United Labor Committee called on the major political parties to name a coalition candidate against Rep. Vito Marcantonio, American Labor Party, from New York's 18th Congressional District.

Labor Denounces Knowland Joker in Security Measure

WASHINGTON (LPA) — An amendment to the social security law which would have allowed the states to refuse jobless benefits to workers who refused to scab was nearly slipped over on the Senate by Senator William Knowland (R., Calif.) in debate leading up to the June 20 vote on the 1950 social security law. On June 20 Knowland's amendment was adopted by the Senate, 45 to 37.

Knowland's description of the bill was a purely technical one, and he tried to pass it off as unimportant. But a resolution by the CIO's executive board, meeting in Washington a few days before the vote, and the warnings of AFL radio commentator Frank Edwards spelled out the dangers involved.

The amendment, which was also endorsed by Senator Harry Cain (R., Wash.), would end the authority given federal agencies to shut off jobless benefit funds to states that violate federal standards. It grows out of a ruling by Labor Secretary Tobin, threatening to shut off funds to the state of California when it refused benefits to several hundred striking maritime workers in 1948, and to 269 carpenters in another strike situation.

CIO MAKES CHARGES

"The Knowland amendment," the CIO charged, "is the brain-child of the Waterfront Employers Association of San Francisco and of the California Employment Administrator who traveled here at federal taxpayers' expense to promote the bill. It is now being pushed by the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies. The executive board of this conference is meeting now in the city of Washington, having traveled here at public expense.

"Its members are eating and sleeping at federal taxpayers' expense by the Bureau of Employment Security of the Labor Department. This scandalous non-registered lobbying organization which has been operating for years was rebuked by the House Appropriations committee in 1949. We urge an immediate thorough investigation of the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies, with full disclosure of its expenditures and activities, including its relationships with such organizations as the Unemployment Benefit Advisers, Ind. of which Stanley Rector is legislative director."

AFL STATEMENT

Edwards, sponsored nightly by the AFL on the Mutual network, called the Knowland proposal a "rider" to the social security bill "which is using that vital piece of legislation as a vehicle upon which this cunning bit of underhand activity might become law."

"The booby trap amendment of Sen. Knowland," Edwards warned, "would remove those simple, sensible federal protections from the nation's workers. If the Knowland amendment becomes law, state politicians can kick workers off the unemployment rolls if the recipient fails to do the bidding of the politician . . ." at least until the months and perhaps years that the workers' appeal might be in the state courts.

A total of 789 major hit-and-run cases resulting in death, injury or property damage, occurred in the rural areas of California during the first five months of the year, Commissioner Clifford E. Peterson of the California Highway Patrol, announced recently. Subsequent investigations by the Highway Patrol and other law enforcement agencies resulted in 485 arrests, he said.

AFL Attorneys Blast Chain Case in Court As Defective

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for the Retail Managers Association: A. B. Crossler, international representative, Retail Clerks International Association; Larry Vail, secretary, California State Council of Retail Clerks; and Claude H. Jinkerson, secretary-treasurer, San Francisco Grocery Clerks 648

In the meantime while the AFL attorneys were battling Safeway in court, pickets of locals 870 and 1179 and pickets of the Retail Managers Association carried on separate picket lines in front of the struck stores.

SAN FRANCISCO LOCAL ADVERTISES

San Francisco Clerks Union Local 648 took to the daily papers the past week running a single column ad stating that "17 weeks since Safeway settled the strike—then broke its word."

The ad said further:

"On February 23, Safeway's president—Lingan A. Warren—reached a clear understanding with a committee of the San Francisco Labor Council for ending the Safeway strike. Warren agreed that only clerks covered by the union contract would perform clerk's work. It was a deal—and the negotiators shook hands on it."

That was 17 weeks ago. Local 648 agreed to recommend the understanding as a basis for ending the strike. But Safeway walked out on its commitment—broke its word. By its actions, Safeway has prolonged the strike for 17 unnecessary weeks.

Safeway's actions raise basic questions about its good faith in this entire dispute. Without good faith, collective bargaining has no meaning. Safeway has made that the critical issue in the strike.

SAFEWAY RUNS ANOTHER AD

In the June 23 daily papers Safeway ran another big ad pointing out that $1,647.00 dollars have been lost by Safeway Clerks in San Francisco in wages during the last 5½ years . . . January 1, 1945 to June 9, 1950. The ad stated further that Los Angeles Clerks only lost $110.00 in wages over the same period and made the statement that the Los Angeles record is fifteen times better than San Francisco.

The planned expansion program of Safeway which was indefinitely postponed was called to the attention of the San Francisco Labor Council and the ad concluded with the statement that the Bay Area Clerks Out of Step with Clerks Union Locals in the Rest of the Country.

Day and night painting classes to meet the requirements of beginning and advanced students, as well as practicing artists, have been included in the Summer Session curriculum of the California School of Fine Arts. A variety of courses offering training in several painting media will be given.

Ash Reports on State Federation Board Meet

Council Secretary Bob Ash reported Monday night on the Executive Board meeting of the State Federation of Labor held last weekend in Hollywood, California. Both Secretary Ash who is a vice president from Alameda county, and Vice President Harry Grady were in attendance at the quarterly meeting of the Board.

Many matters of importance were discussed, according to Ash, with emphasis placed on the initiative petitions that will be on the November General election ballot.

LLPE CONSTITUTION

The State LLPE Constitutions have been completed and will be mailed to all unions affiliated with the State Feds political arm and all unions were urged to scrutinize them closely as the new constitution provides more stringent rules than the Constitution of the State Federation of Labor.

Announcement was made of the settlement of the DiGiorgio strike and all unions that have in their possession the film used in that strike were urged to return them immediately to the State Federation office.

SOCIAL SECURITY BILL

All AFL members in the State were urged to contact their Congressmen immediately asking their representative to vote against the Knowland amendments to the Social Security Bill, which would in the opinion of the board emasculate the bill and full cooperation was urged in writing representatives. The Bill No. is H. R. 6000.

INITIATIVE MEASURES

Initiative measures that will appear on the November ballot were discussed by the board with particular attention paid to the Housing Bill, a bill affecting the serving of food in bars and the Personal Property Tax initiative.

Vice President Ash pointed out that this bill has a popular appeal in that most voters will feel that it will reduce their taxes, but the small tax relief that it would provide would have to be made up in some other way which might necessitate a raise in the sales tax and income tax which would hit the wage earner the hardest. Under the Personal Property Tax initiative big business would be exempt from paying on inventory stocks, furniture, truck fleets, etc., and this measure benefits the wealthy, not the wage earner, according to Ash.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Announcement was made that the State Unemployment will no longer approve the Blue ID card due to violations and abuses under the present system. It was pointed out to the board that in some cases non-union members had the blue ID cards as well as members out on withdrawal cards and in some instances signed cards were left in union offices that could be picked up by anybody and used in collecting Unemployment insurance.

L. A. BREAD STRIKE

Secretary Ash reported that the strike against the bakeries in Los Angeles looked like it was going to be a long drawn out fight with both sides digging in for a hard battle. Reports were made that some bread was being shipped into the city but the unions were not able to track down where is was coming from.

Ironworkers 378 Elect Officers For New Term

Ironworkers Union Local 378 held their annual election of officers on Saturday, June 24, and returned to office in a close vote the incumbent Financial Secretary-Treasurer Jim Austin. Incumbent Business Agent George Taylor was defeated by William Hubbard and R. L. Rutherford defeated the incumbent President Charles Fitzgerald.

The complete results are as follows: President, R. L. Rutherford defeated Charles Fitzgerald; Financial Secretary-Treasurer Jim Austin defeated L. L. Sorenson 218 to 207. Frank Kramer was another contestant for the office. Business Agent, William (Bill) Hubbard defeated George Taylor.

Examining Committee, Jack Graham, Gunner Anderson and C. J. Rink were elected defeating H. J. Heckendorn, Charles Anderson, John Nagle, A. T. Blowers and Walter Jorgensen. Executive Board, the five successful candidates were Arnold Pierce, Mack Ray, Medrick Jacques, George Fricke, and Ray Dowling. Other candidates were Lester Herteen, William Clark, Monte Butler, H. L. Sullivan, Jack Pierce, George Corning, Ed Fortier, Charles C. Durrett and Claude Jipson.

Recording Secretary Jas. Barrett, Sergeant-at-Arms Richard Eisenhauer, Trustees Al Hatt and John Gavin and Conductor John Cejka were elected by acclamation.

Use Gompers Pens

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (AFL News)—Two thousand delegates from locals of the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union took notes with a special Samuel Gompers Centennial union label fountain pen at the ILGWU 50th jubilee convention.

The pen, which bears a likeness of Samuel Gompers, carries the label of the International Chemical Workers Union, Local 241, representing employes of the manufacturer, S. Buchsbaum & Co., of 1737 S. Michigan avenue, Chicago.

Greatest Need for New Housing is Shown to Be Sub-$4000 Group

WASHINGTON (AFL News) — The greatest need for new housing is among families with incomes of under $4,000, the larger families, and minority groups, particularly in the large urban areas, according to the Housing, and Home Finance Agency.

Lowered housing costs without reductions in the size or quality of the house is the greatest need in the field of housing.

Generally, size and quality of housing being built for families of moderate incomes have been reduced to the minimum for liveability.

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Dutch Labor Federation Agrees to Wage Cut

THE HAGUE (LPA)—Members of the Dutch socialist labor federation, largest in Holland, are willing to accept wage cuts and other hardships to achieve an integrated western Europe economy, according to Ad Vermeulen, secretary of the Netherlands Verbond Van Bakvereenigingen. Only by holding to this goal can the final aim of full employment in the Marshall plan countries be achieved, he told the other two main Dutch labor federations, the Protestant labor union and the Catholic union.

"Integration of Europe," he said, "will not mean anything except words until it begins to hurt at home. We in Dutch labor are willing to accept our share of the hurt in order to win, in the end, the gains we must have."

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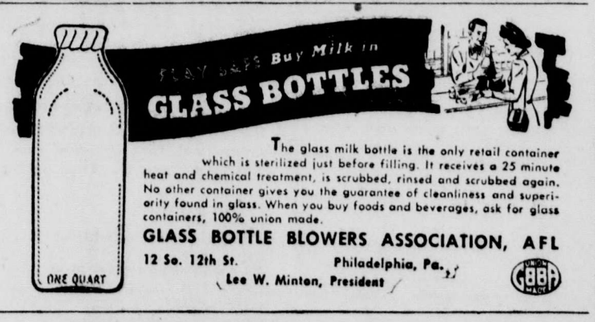
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NOW SHASTA DAM'S BUILT IT STILL NEEDS FRIENDS

Of immense significance to labor as well as to the farmers of California was the dedication of Shasta Dam recently.

If the new millions of people who have come to California are to have jobs, there must be more water and more power available than in the past. Shasta Dam is an important link in the gigantic chain of Government-built fundamental facilities which make available more water and more power.

The fact that it is Government-built has of course aroused the wrath and the greed of the private utilities. First, wrath, because they didn't want their little private preserve of profit-making disturbed, even if the whole State's future were held back. Second, greed, because if the project was going to be constructed despite all their opposition, then they wished to get control of it, use it for their own profit rather than for the benefit of the people as a whole.

Project Long Delayed by Sabotage In Senate, Gesturing by Governor

California has long had a man in the U. S. Senate, Sheridan Downey, who has done everything possible to help the big interests have Shasta Dam and its allied facilities run for their benefit rather than for the benefit of the people. California has long had a Governor, Earl Warren, who in his reactions to the great water and power project has always shown himself master of the HHG, that is, the half-hearted gesture. He hasn't opposed most of the project, as Downey has done—he has just HHG'd it!

To have this giant project pushed through as it must be pushed through if we are to supply the food and the jobs to make the money to buy the food that this State needs, with its enormously expanded population, we need a Governor who doesn't HHG things, and we need a Senator whose record in public life shows whole-hearted devotion to this great enterprise. Such a Governor we can have in James Roosevelt, such a Senator in Helen Gahagan Douglas.

Private Enterprise Can't Handle U. S. Defense, Nor Jobs Like CVP

To protest against the Federal Government doing these great fundamental tasks upon which private enterprise can be built is like protesting against the Federal Government taking charge of national defense. After all, if the country isn't properly defended, no business can flourish. So here's a big job that needs to be done. Why not turn it over to private enterprise? We all know the answer—if we turned national defense over to private enterprise, only those steps would be taken which were immediately profitable, and long-range planning and preparation would be ruled out as "bad business risk."

It's the same with these huge fundamental enterprises of handling the total water supply of a State or group of States. There's not enough immediate profit in it for private groups to tackle it. It'll either be done by the Federal Government or not done fully at all. And after the Federal Government has done the big fundamental ground-clearing job, private enterprise can flourish, more food will be produced on better-irrigated farms, and more jobs will be available in industries and businesses.

CVP, Like TVA, Will Build Business Enterprise Instead of Choking It

As for the stale and silly argument that a great Federal Government project of this sort competes with private enterprise and does damage to legitimate business, just consider the history of TVA, the Tennessee Valley Authority. That, basically, was of the same nature as the Central Valley Project: to utilize water resources rather than to waste them; and to develop power for the development of industry.

Yet the late Wendell Willkie, then chief counsel for Commonwealth & Southern, a huge electric utlility holding company, shouted and screamed, with all that energy with which the whole American people later became familiar, that the TVA project would ruin private business.

Actually, it did the opposite. Hundreds of business enterprises now flourish in the TVA area, built upon the increased electric power, the improved agriculture brought about by TVA. The same will prove true, is already proving true, of CVP.

Roosevelt, Douglas, Cook Needed to Put Shasta to Work for the People

But there is one phase of all this where there IS all too often immediate profit. And that's in stalling, blocking the progress of the big fundamental ground-clearing improvement, sabotaging the thing, gumming the works, until some private outfit finally wangles the chance to utilize the great public project for its own ends. We've already had a lot of this, and a lot of it's been done through Down-on-the-Government Downey, and through Warren the HHG expert, master of the half-hearted gesture.

Let's take the future of food and jobs seriously, the future of California, and elect James Roosevelt Governor in November, and elect Helen Gahagan Douglas Senator.

And don't forget that we need good liberals in the House of Representatives, too. We've got one from the East Bay already: George P. Miller in the 6th Congressional District. We need another, Lyle E. Cook, in the 7th Congressional District, a district now represented by a Knowland machine man who regularly votes against the sort of progress that means better food and more jobs.

Now that we've got Shasta Dam, we've got a long way still to go to finish the project. Let's do it, by working now, among our fellow unionists, friends, and neighbors, for the election of James Roosevelt, Helen Gahagan Douglas, and Lyle Cook. Don't wait until the election. The campaign is on now. Do some campaigning during the campaign, not after the votes are in.

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FRIEND AND FOE

In Radio and Press

POLITICS GETS HOT in California, but rarely attains the colorful aspects of similar activities in Tennessee. E. H. Crump, the famous political boss of Memphis who has long dominated the State's elections, wrote in an advertisement the following about Gordon Browning, during the 1948 campaign in which Browning was elected Governor against Crump's opposition:

"In the art galleries of Paris there are 27 pictures of Judas Iscariot—none look alike, but all resemble Gordon Browning; neither his head, heart, nor hand can be trusted; he would milk his neighbor's cow through a crack in the fence; of the two hundred and six bones in his body there isn't one that is genuine; his heart has beaten over two billion times without a single sincere beat."

In California, while there are many skulduggeries and shenanigans, the rhetoric is different. Here it takes the form, for instance, of the Republican machine's writers going ahead and electing Mr. Warren as President the minute Mr. Dewey says maybe he won't run for Governor of New York again. Yet it is at least worth noting that there are two obstacles in Mr. Warren's way. In the first place, he'll have to defeat Mr. Roosevelt for the Governorship if he's to retain the high vote-getting status which the writers for the Republican machine so generously concede him. In the second place, he'll have to defeat Mr. Truman for the Presidency. Judging by past experience, it takes a miracle man indeed to wallop the Roosevelts and the Trumans.

Perhaps the writers for the Republican machine in California would be on safer ground if they just shot off a few blasts of Crumpian rhetoric instead of rushing the season by electing Mr. Warren President.

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How Boss Crump Was Able to Control His State so Long

Speaking of Tennessee, it is interesting to note how Boss Crump of Memphis has so easily dominated the politics of the entire State. V. O. Key, Jr., tells the story in his interesting book, "Southern Politics."

For one thing, the electorate, the number of persons actually voting, is very small. There are about 1,750,000 persons in Tennessee over 21 years of age, but only about 400,000 turn out and vote. Of this 400,000, some 100,000 are the Republicans of Eastern Tennessee's mountains, and so that leaves only about 300,000 voters in the dominant Democratic Party to be dealt with.

Now, in much of Middle Tennessee and Western Tennessee the Democratic factions are fairly evenly balanced, so their votes about average off, and all Mr. Crump has had to do for years was to turn in a good majority for his machine in Memphis, and he had the State election.

Incidentally, it is interesting to observe that, according to Key, most AFL and CIO members in Tennessee just don't take the trouble to vote, so labor doesn't play the role it might in all this.

The Republican affiliation of the Tennessee mountaineers is of course due to the Civil War, as is the Democratic loyalty of the majority of the voters. Oddly enough, of course, as Key points out, if politics were wholly rational, the mountaineers would now be Fair Deal Democrats, and the more prosperous people of Middle and West Tennessee would be inclined toward Republicanism. But politics isn't wholly rational.

For example, right here in California we have the wonderful spectacle of some labor people lined up with Knowland anti-labor machine for Warren and Nixon against Roosevelt and Douglas. However much we disagree with such an attitude we'd never go so far as to level against it the deadly charge of rationality, reasonablesness.

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Equal Educational Rulings Of Top Court Stir Thought

Some of the reactions in the South to the U. S. Supreme Court's recent rulings that Negroes must be given educational opportunities equal to those given whites show that some influential Southerners are alert to what's happening in the modern world.

Said Editor Ralph McGill in the widely read Atlanta Constitution:

"We should have known that we could not solemnly pass laws and then cynically and cruelly ignore them and get away with it forever. Certainly there were vast discriminations. There still are. We are caught in the trap of our own laws."

Many Southerners think that if real progress is shown toward equalization, Negroes will take it easy on court demands for immediate, one-swoop educational equality.

In Southern States where Negroes vote to some considerable extent, and have done so for some time, many of them now vote much more conservatively, and less for economic and social change, than they did when they first got the vote. They may even yet attain the heights of civic decreptitude reached by many of our white labor unionists, who won't even take the trouble to register!

Naturally, it is the better off and better educated Negroes who feel segregation of any sort the most keenly. One observer hit off this point very well when he said.

"Many Negroes in the South are not worried about the fact that they can't have a meal in a restaurant with whites. They just want a meal!"

If the advance of industry and of labor unions in the South continues, this problem of just getting a meal will be in some measure solved.

"Where It Hurts"



BUSINESS, JOBS CREATED BY TVA 'WELFARE STATE'

East Bay Labor Journal has called attention editorially to the fact that one of the big issues in the coming November general election is the need for a Governor and U. S. Senator who really understand what full and proper development of the Central Valley Project would mean in the way of creating jobs for the unemployed and providing business opportunities for energetic American enterprisers.

James Roosevelt and Helen Gahagan Douglas understand these things, and they are not tied up politically with big business interests which wish to keep California small so their profits in fixed investments will be large.

When James Roosevelt's father launched the great TVA project, the howl that went up from the Republican big business machine was terrific.

But just read the following Associated Press story which appeared in the Republican San Francisco Chronicle and Oakland Tribune recently about what TVA did to create new business and new jobs in Decatur, Alabama:

This is the town that newspaperman Barrett Shelton says came from "nothing to somethin'" in 15 years.

The story goes back to the depression year 1933 and Decatur was without hope.

But let Shelton, editor and publisher of The Decatur Daily tell it:

"The one major industry we had, which had kept 2000 men at work, closed. Another industry which in earlier years we had subsidized and brought from New England went bankrupt.

"A third industry, manufacturer of full-fashioned hosiery, went to the wall from poor management and bad times. Seven of eight banks in our county closed.

"Our farm situation: We had only one crop—cotton—and cotton was five cents a pound. Lands were selling for taxes. The people were ill-housed, ill-clothed and out of hope.

Into this dismal setting came David Lilienthal, then a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Four of our citizens who had been hopeful of improving conditions met him. We were almost hostile, for he represented another way of thought and another way of life.

"Our conversation might be summarized thusly: 'All right, you were not invited, but you're here. Now what are you going to do?'

OUTLINES FORMULA

"Dave leaned back in his chair as he said gently and firmly, 'I'm not going to do anything. You are going to do it.'

"He went on to tell us something we never knew before; that TVA would provide the tools of opportunity—flood control, malaria control, navigation on the river, low cost power, test demonstration farming to show how our soils could be returned to fertility.

Our townspeople needed jobs, our farm people needed a month-by-month payroll, rather than a once a year income from harvesting one crop.

FIRST STEP TAKEN

"Our first step was to form a chamber of commerce and we decided a packing plant would be the first venture. We persuaded the local ice company to put in packing facilities when there wasn't as much as one wagon load of hogs in our whole county. We are now producing our own livestock to meet the demands of this market.

"We then turned to milk, formed a little corporation with paid-in capital of $15,000, telling every stockholder to forget his investment. The first week the plant was in operation there was a total supply of 1800 pounds of milk.

"Today the milk production peaks at 60,000 pounds and we have just started. The stockholders never failed to receive six percent and just recently that little plant paid a 100 percent dividend.

HELP FROM OUTSIDE

"Along about that time we got some help from the outside. Navigation on the Tennessee River made it possible.

"The impact was tremendous. Farmers could grow grain because there was now a daily market.

"These industries, land builders and man builders, could never have been pictured in the minds of a defeated people, of a people who in the year before TVA saw an uncontrolled river wash away the best soil.

MARKET FOR EVERYTHING

"Today there is a market for cotton, corn, wheat, livestock, milk, timber, small grains and truck crops. Fifteen years ago we were dozing in the sunshine waiting for that once-a-year payroll brought by cotton.

"Today the cash income from all farm products in the area surrounding Decatur is $43,000,000. Land building did it. Flood control did it. TVA, with other state and Federal agencies, and determined people did it.

"By 1940 there were 61 firms manufacturing a product in Decatur, employing 2834 people with an annual payroll of $3,159,000.

"By 1948, the industries numbered 87 and employment was 5204 with an annual payroll of $12,605,000."

UNION OFFICIALS ADVISED TO HEED THEIR MEMBERS

American Federationist

Charles J. MacGowan, president, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers—It has been my observation that a great deal of trouble in local unions springs from the fact that members feel that they have been given the brush-off by local officers.

Every member with a paid-up card in his pocket is entitled to a respectful answer for every problem he presents. Even though there may be a few pests who try your patience, you should, at the same time, remember that if he was as smart as you, maybe he would have your job.

Someone said to me, and it struck me very forcibly: "Some labor leaders compel obedience. Others seek and secure cooperation." The latter is our motto in the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers.

Ours is a grand union. I have seen it humbled, humiliated and almost burned to ashes in the conflicts on the industrial field. I have seen the few remaining, gallant veterans gather up the fragments and put them together again, and grab up the torch and carry it up the mountainside.

MOVING?

ARE YOU MOVING TO A NEW ADDRESS?

The U. S. Post Office Department, under a new ruling, will no longer notify The East Bay Labor Journal of your new address. It is now your responsibility. Unless you notify this newspaper when you move, the post office will suspend delivery of your newspaper after two issues.

FILL OUT THE FORM AND MAIL TO US!

Otherwise, you will not receive your weekly newspaper. Furthermore, your union will be unable to keep in touch with you on important union meetings, death assessments and benefits and important communications.

Effective immediately I am moving to a new address.

Name.....Local No.....

Old Address.....City.....

New Address.....City.....

(Clip out and mail to The East Bay Labor Journal, P. O. Box 237, Oakland 4, California)

WOMEN *in this World*

By EDITH McCONN

NOW THAT SCHOOL IS OUT mothers all over the nation are tearing their hair. Suddenly the kids are left high and dry, with nothing to occupy them.

It's fun at first, but in a week or so, even the kids themselves get bored and as for the mothers!

In a city, however, an enterprising mother can find a lot of things for youngsters to do.

We have the junior museum, an excellent institution, which provides interests for children of all ages.

We have parks and play grounds. We even have back yards in a lot of places.

There's no very good reason why schools should stop entirely in the middle of June. We used to need the children to help harvest the crops, but that is no longer an excuse in most places.

Of course, the trouble is, we don't have enough money to hire teachers to take over for the summer, while the teachers who work, the rest of the year take much-needed vacations.

We have these buildings, these great plants, which represent a big investment, and which, from a purely business point of view, should be kept in operation the whole year through.

Wouldn't it be smart to spend a little more money and provide year-round education for the youngsters?

Some schools are trying this. The regular curriculum is laid aside. There's less study and more activity and fun. But the children are kept busy and out of mischief.

They are happier and so are their mothers. And so are the policemen and the neighbors and every one concerned.

Towns that have tried it think it is money well spent. Perhaps East Bay cities may get around to it before too many years have passed.

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We Live Longer and We Get Laid Off Sooner—So What?

One of the paradoxes of our age is that we are increasing the span of life at a rapid rate, and at the same time we are putting people on the shelf earlier and earlier.

While we are doing better about pensions, they don't start until 65. If you are past 45, or 40, you stand a less and less good chance to get a job.

What are we supposed to do between the time when employment is closed to us and the pension starts?

A friend said to me the other day that a woman over thirty will not be hired by quite a few manufacturing plants. We all know that a woman 35 or 40, no matter how well qualified, has a very hard time finding work, if she has been out of industry and suddenly has to return to it.

Things are not quite so tough for men, but they are nearly as bad.

Nor is our country the only one where this happens.

In England there are now hundreds of women who are capable and well-trained who cannot find work because they are over 35.

One London employment agency says it has been asked to supply young women, even though they were not as capable and conscientious as the older women.

"This attitude is becoming a major problem," another official said. Now that the war-time boom is over, the situation is becoming tragic.

While this is not exclusively a problem for women, it is one that every women's organization should concern itself about. Unions with many women members, as well as auxiliaries should study this situation and try to find out what goes.

There are no doubt several reasons for such a state of affairs, and there are no doubt remedies.

It's up to us to find out why this situation exits and to bend every effort to correct it.

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Kids' Innate Wiggliness May Stave Off Televisionitis!

The educators keep right after television! In a study recently made among junior high school students in Stamford, Conn., television was blamed for a drop in grades of about 10 percent of the children with poor marks.

It was found that children who had television in their own homes looked at the shows on an average of four hours a day.

Novelty no doubt has something to do with this. But it is something that needs study.

Children read less. Worse yet, they get out and play less.

All children need a lot of physical activity, whether organized sports or just tearing about the back yard.

While a harried mother might be glad to have the children quiet for long periods of time, it is distinctly not good for the youngsters.

Television is comparatively new out here. Not many people have sets. But more are coming and as they do, parents and teachers are going to have to consider the problem.

No one has yet come up with any solution. No one has yet been able to prove that lasting harm has come to children because of television.

Nevertheless, far-sighted parents and teachers are vaguely worried. Will the novelty wear off?

Or will our kids become a race of pale-faced, chair-bound young folks with dazed minds and weak bodies?

The chances are that in most cases the innate wiggliness of children will assert itself and physical activity will once more become a necessity.

We'll have to wait and see. And think about the problem.

GOOD INTENTIONS

Johnny: "I fell in a mud puddle."
Mother: "What, with your new pants on?"
Johnny: "Yes. I fell so fast I didn't have a chance to take them off."

United Employers' Creed

By JOHN J. SWATTEM

Since labor unions are merely but good,
Management's merely perfect—although,
If unions were perfect, then management would
Be all superperfect, I know.

THE HALLMARK OF A BONA FIDE LABOR PAPER TOLD

In last week's "Report to Reader-Owners" in East Bay Labor Journal the statement was made that "the labor movement wasn't founded as an entertainment club, and its papers shouldn't be primarily entertainment papers. . . . Feeding piffle and paffle to labor readers will not get them better wages, better conditions, or better social status."

It was a great pleasure, after publishing that, to find in a highly respected and influential AFL paper, the St. Louis Labor Tribune, an editorial entitled "The Hallmark of a Bonafide Labor Paper," which said some plain things on the subject. Here it is:

The Labor Tribune is an official local labor weekly reflecting the principles and policies of the American Federation of Labor and its affiliates, as well as that of the International Association of Machinists District No. 9. Incidentally we have the largest paid circulation of any local labor paper in North America.

We try to print all the labor news and views worth printing and interpret that subject matter from the labor angle. We hold that our primary obligation is to the 104 unions which endorse us and whose entire membership receive our paper at their homes every Friday morning by mail.

Since organized labor is an imponderable force in our local and national economy, a part of our job is to help our subscribing unions in their relations with employers, to create a more congenial climate for improving relations between labor and management as well as between unions and government, and between the public and the unions. Members of our unions and their families in St. Louis and vicinity actually form a very substantial, if not majority segment, of that public.

Being a labor paper, we confine our coverage to labor topics and related subjects like legislation and propaganda that vitally affect the worker's interests and welfare. Our readers find on our pages labor news and labor news interpretation they don't get in their daily papers or magazines.

Ever so often well-meaning friends suggest that we make our paper more readable and appealing to all the members of the family by running literary condiments like comics, sports items, a ladies' page, cheesecake, movie news and the like.

Our reply is that ours is a trade paper whose primary job is to print labor news and views fit to print, and to fight to protect the pocketbook interests of our union subscribers, even though the subject matter may at times be dry reading and monotonously repetitious.

We can't compete with the dailies in the field of entertainment; we don't want to detract the reader from the news of real concern to him.

We constantly strive to give our members a more readable and interesting labor paper. If we do expand our present size, it will be to present more labor news and views, and not just waste valuable space on cheap boilerplate.

Our concept of a labor weekly is one that first strives to serve before it pleases.

THIS AGE MARKED BY DREAMS OF BETTER WORLD, SAYS EDITOR

Monitor: Catholic Weekly

We need not wait for some philosophical historian of the remote future to discern the characteristic problem of our time.

Behind all the extraordinary achievements of modern civilization, its progress in business methods, its miracles of scientific discovery, its mighty combinations of political forces, there lies at the heart of the present era a burdening sense of social maladjustment which creates what we call the "social question."

The consciousness of contradiction between economic progress and spiritual ideals may be expressed in the language of philosophy, or may take the form of legislation, or may simply utter itself in the passionate cry of indignation or hate which comes from the hungry and despairing, or from those who sympathize with them.

But in all these varied, and often unreasonable and extravagant ways, of stating the problem, we still cannot escape the fact that never in history have so many people, learned and ignorant, rich and poor, philosopher and agitator, men and women, been so stirred by this recognition of inequality in social opportunity and by dreams of a better social world.

JUST LIKE RAYBURN

"My wife tells me that your wife displayed a marvelous knowledge of parliamentary law at the Woman's Club the other afternoon."

"Well, great Scott! Why shouldn't she? She's been speaker of our house for fifteen years."

CERTAINLY NOT

He was attending a meeting of the Henpecked Club. Suddenly the door opened. His wife sailed in, grabbed him by the collar, shook him until his teeth rattled, and exclaimed:

"What do you mean by attending this club? You're not henpecked."

WE DON'T PATRONIZE

The following persons and firms, after a thorough examination into the causes at issue, have been deemed unworthy of the patronage of members of organized labor and their friends:

BAKERS, CONFECTIONERS
Peter Paul, Inc., 1001 81st Ave.
Hoffman Candy Co., Los Angeles Calif.

DRUG STORES
Stier Drug Co., 3407 Lakeshore, Oakland

LOCKSMITHS
All locksmiths in the East Bay Area not displaying the union shop card.

PRINTING-NEWSPAPERS
Life
Time
Saturday Evening Post
Ladies' Home Journal
Country Gentleman

STORES
Clinnick Appliance Co., Fruitvale and MacArthur, Oakland.
Berland's 1741 Telegraph.
Cannon's Shoe Store, 1030 Washington St., Oakland.
Feltman & Curme, 1208 Washington St., and 1932 Telegraph Ave.
Nisley Shoe Store, 1425 Broadway.
F. W. Woolworth Company, Hayward.
Vine Pastry Shop, 2114 Vine St., Berkeley.

APARTMENT HOUSES
Graystone Apartments, 26 Lenox Ave.

SIGN AND SHOW CARD CONTRACTORS
Herb Hobson Company, 3113 Dwight Way, Berkeley
East Bay Sign Company, 2645 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley.

BARBER SHOPS
The Star Barber Shop, 1926 University Ave., Berkeley.
Barber Shop, 5482 College Ave.

RESTAURANTS
White Log Taverns.
E. A. Ferracone, Exterior Decorator, 3993 Altamont Avenue, Oakland, California.

MISCELLANEOUS
Jud Whitehead Heater Co., 4111 Broadway, Oakland, West MacArthur and San Pablo, Oakland.
I. Magnin Co.
E. I. DuPont de Nemours, Paint Manufacturing Co., South San Francisco.
Hotel Menlo, 13th and Webster Sts., Oakland.
Sealy Mattress Co., 6699 San Pablo Ave.
Bannum Truck Company.
Gantner & Mattern Co., 3rd and Berry Sts., San Francisco.
West Coast Macaroni Manufacturing Co., 1250 - 57th Avenue, Oakland.
Blackstone Mfg. Co., N. Y., Tools and Implements.
National Mattress Co., 920 - 54th Ave.
National Nut Company, 362 Fourth St.
Goldstone Bros., Overalls.
Portland Hotel, 476 - 9th St., Oakland.
All Scale Companies not displaying the Union Shop Card.
General Refrigeration Service Co., 5777 Grove Street, Oakland, California.
Rio Theatre, Park Street, Alameda.
Times Theatre. Webster Street, Alameda, California.
Alfred C. Schroeder, Refrigeration, 947 - 77th Avenue, Oakland, California
East Bay Appliance Service Co., 2016 Center Street, Berkeley
Stanley W. Taylor, 1200 Bancroft Avenue, San Leandro, Calif.
Western Interiors Blind Co., 3000 Willow Road, San Pablo, Calif.